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NEWSLETTER FOR APPLE COMPUTER USERS

NEXT MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1987
12 noon to 3 p.m.

CLEAR CREEK OFFICE PARK
4251 KIPLING
WHEAT RIDGE, CO

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FUTURE MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE! WE ARE NOT MEETING AT GREEN CENTER.

Until further notice, the general meeting and the core meet will be combined into one meeting which will be held from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on the Sunday following the first Thursday of the month at Clear Creek Office Park, 4251 Kipling, Wheat Ridge.

At 12 noon we will have speakers and/or demonstrations, new product announcements, and possibly a short business meeting. After the planned presentation, visit one of the computers set up around the room. Also at this time, members can get disk copies from the Library and supplies from the Store.

$10,000 PROGRAMMING CONTEST!

The magazine publisher, COMPUTE! Publications, Inc., is sponsoring a programming contest with $10,000 in prize money going to the top six winners. They are looking for the best original, unpublished, BASIC or machine language Apple programs to publish.

Complete rules and entry forms will be available at the November meeting.

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THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Remember that survey from the July issue of the SEED? Well, the results are here! Tallied from about 100 replies, this is the outcome:

The majority of the people could attend meetings on Thursday, followed by Saturday, then Sunday. About 90% of felt Golden was not too far to go for a meeting. Of course, that information is irrelevant now that we don't meet there any more. We had people from almost every part of the city with no real central location.

About 25% of the people wanted the IIGS supported, 25% did not, and 50% were neutral.

Of the computer owners responding, 70% had Apple IIe's, 10% had Apple IIc's, 5% had IIGS's, 10% had MAC's, and 5% others.

On the question regarding the kind of computer people plan to get, 65% are not planning to get a new computer in the near future, 15% plan to get a MAC, 15% plan to get a IIGS, and 5% plan to get something else.

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The average user has had a computer for 2.5 years.

Two-thirds of the responders can program.

Our people would like to learn (in this order) AppleWorks, BASIC and Assembly language.

People want to see at the meetings (in this order): guest speakers, software and hardware demonstrations, new computers, and entertainment.

The comments at the end conveyed many different things to me. Many members felt they were "absolute beginners." Also the content of our general meetings went over their heads, and they did not want to ask questions in the group setting. People who had questions about how to do something with their computers did not know when/who to ask. From all this, it is evident that Apple Pi must change to serve the nontechnical users.

One major change at the meetings is that now there will be time to ask questions on a one-to-one basis about anything a person needs help with, from AppleWorks to BASIC programming.

Thank you,
Kevin Kralian

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WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A NEW MEETING ROOM!

Does anyone know of a reasonably priced or free room that Apple Pi can use for general meetings for 50-100 people?

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TUTORS & CLASSES

If you would like to teach BASIC, AppleWorks, or Assembly language, please talk to one of the officers.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The October DOM, #81, was demonstrated at the October 4 meeting with Dan Fagan at the keyboard of his IIGS and Richard Schloeman narrating. This disk contains a modem program, Talk Is Cheap (TIC), similar to ASCII Express, which lets you communicate with other Apples via modem. The graphics/text game called Interna-maze was demonstrated. The program draws a maze from which you must find your way out. You have some help with the aid of a map, compass, and 3-D view of the maze. They also played the Match Game. Of course, there are other programs on the disk including Desktop, Wizard, and Koco. What a bargain for only $5.

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GS HINTS
By Larry Fagan

Do you have your buffer turned on? (This is under the Options section in the control panel). If so, it may be that you'd like to have the ability to empty this buffer if the need arises. The solution: Type OPEN APPLE-CONTROL-DELETE (all three keys held down at once, then release). This will flush (empty) the buffer and then you may continue on your merry way.

Would you like to set up the RAM disk (or remove it) without powering down the computer? To do so, set up the RAM disk as you like from the control panel. Next, instead of powering down and then turning the computer back on, just do a memory check. This is OPEN APPLE-OPTION-CONTROL-RESET (all four keys held down at once, then released). When the memory check begins, just press OPEN APPLE-CONTROL-RESET to restart the computer. The RAM disk will now match the specifications you selected from the control panel. Note: This process completely trashes everything in memory, just as turning the computer on and off would have.

SIGS
(SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS)

MAC SIG - Paul Wencko is heading up this group. He has been bringing the Club's Mac and the Club's Mac library to the Core meet. Let him know you want to join this group.

APPLEWORKS SIG - Jeanette Stanton will head up this group and several people have expressed interest. We will meet after the next meeting.

IIGS SIG - Paul Carrier and Larry Fagan will head up the IIGS SIG and will be co-librarians of the GS library. Let one of them know if you want to join this group.

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FREE GS UPGRADES

The August issue of Apple's QUICK CONNECT and the November issue of A+ magazine reported that two free upgrades are available for the Apple IIGS. They are a new Video Graphics Controller (VGC) chip, which generates the video output of the IIGS, and a new enhanced version of the IIGS ROM chip.

You can tell if you need these upgrades by checking the first three numbers of the serial number on the bottom of the GS. If the number is less than 705, you need both upgrades; if it is from 705 to 724, you need only the new ROM; if it is 725 or higher, you won't require either upgrade.

Simply visit the Apple dealer from whom you purchased your system, or call, toll free, (800) 538-9696 for the name of the dealer nearest you.

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* ?WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST SEED?       *
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*   MAILING LABEL TO SEE IF YOUR      *
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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Apple IIe, new condition, 128K, 80-col. card, 2 drives, Apple III monitor, extras and software, $895, Tom 798-5435

ADVERTISING SPACE in the CLASSIFIED is $1 per inch, one column wide; however, a one-inch ad is FREE to Apple Pi members.

HELP WANTED

SEED NEEDS EDITOR

If you like to read and write and you love to play with your Apple computer, then think about becoming the Editor of the Apple Pi SEED. You will be part of a great bunch of officers.

Contact any officer if you would like to be Editor or just help.

VOLUNTEERS are needed by Apple Pi. Let one of your officers know what you think should be done and what YOU would like to do to help your Club.

MEMBERS! Don't forget! If you bring new members into the Club, for each new member, you get three free months added to your membership. You also get your choice of three DOM's. So bring in your friends and don't forget to sign their membership applications as a sponsor.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Current membership dues are $18.00 per year with a one-time application fee of $7.00 for new members. Fill in the above form and send your check to:

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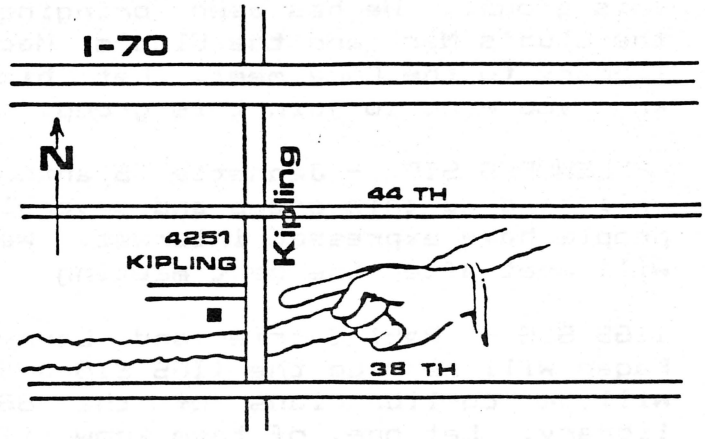

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PROGRAM LIBRARY: Over 9000 public domain programs.

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